GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Water Resources Department - Disciplinary Matters – Sri A. Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore and presently working as Executive Engineer, O/o Chief Engineer, Hydrology, Vijayawada - Unauthorised excess water releases from Somasila Project, Nellore – Disciplinary action initiated under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Imposition of a minor penalty of "Withholding of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" – Orders – Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (VIG-III/A2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.437 Date: 09.10.2023

Read the following:-

1. From the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada, letter No.RC/ENC/K4/E-3481118/2020, dt: 15.05.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.273, Water Resources (VIG.III.1) Department, dt: 02.08.2021.
3. From the ENC (AW), WR Dept., Vijayawada, Lr.No.RC/ENC/K/AD(V1)/AEE1 /21081190/2021, dt: 27.09.2021.
4. G.O.Rt.No.600, Water Resources (Vig.III.1) Department, dt: 09.12.2021.
5. Govt.Memo.1147083-VIGM/17/2020-VIG.III-3, dt: 09.12.2021.
6. From the ENC (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada, Lr.No.RC/ ENC/K/AD(V1)/AEE1/ 21081190/2021, dt: 08.05.2023.
7. Govt.Memo.No.1147083/VIGM/17/2020-VIG.III-4, dt:20-07-2023.
8. Letter from the ENC (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada, dt: 16.08.2023 along with explanation of Sri A. Suresh, EE.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada has requested the Government to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore for the dereliction of duties for Unauthorised excess water releases from Somasila Project, Nellore with reference to the adverse news item published in the News Edition, dt: 12.05.2020 of "Andhra Jyothi Newspaper."

2. Accordingly, in the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore, under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, and issued Articles of charges against him for Unauthorised excess water releases from Somasila Project, Nellore with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD).

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore has submitted his Written Statement of Defence (WSD) in which he has denied the charges and requested the Government to drop further action.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Government have appointed Sri K. Varada Raju, Chief Engineer, HRD, O/o Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada as Inquiring Authority, to enquire into the charges framed

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against the Charged Officer Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore, for the dereliction of duties for Unauthorised excess water releases from Somasila Project, Nellore.

5. In the reference 5th read above, the Government have also appointed Sri V. Sai Ram Prasad, SE, P&M Cell, O/o the Engineer-in- Chief (AW), WRD, Vijayawada, as Presenting Officer, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority, on behalf of the Government.

6. In the reference 6th read above, Sri K.Varada Raju, Chief Engineer, HRD, O/o Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada and the Inquiring Authority has submitted the Inquiry Report and submitted that, out of the 4 charges, one charge is not proved, 2 charges are partially proved and one charge is proved against the Charged Officer Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore.

7. In the reference 7th read above, the Government have communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore, with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the inquiry report.

8. In the reference 8th read above, Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore has submitted his representation on the inquiry report, along with certain documents on his defence and requested the Government to drop further action against him.

9. The Government, after careful examination of the entire issue as well as the representation submitted by the individual, have decided to impose a minor penalty of "Withholding of 1 (one) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect" against Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore and presently working as Executive Engineer, O/o Chief Engineer, Hydrology, Vijayawada, under Rule 9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and order accordingly.

10. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

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Principal Secretary To Government

To

Sri A.Suresh, the then Executive Engineer, S.P. Division No.1, Somasila Project, Nellore and presently working as Executive Engineer O/o Chief Engineer, Hydrology, Vijayawada. (Through the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Reources Department, Vijayawada)

The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada.

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